

MINUTES 11-07  
CITY OF MADISON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
April 7, 2011

Mr. Ray White, president, called the meeting of the city of Madison Board of Education to order at 5:05 PM in the board room at Madison City Schools Central Office. After the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, roll call of school board members was conducted by the recording secretary.

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call of the School Board was recorded as follows:

Place No. 1	Mrs. Connie Spears	Present
Place No. 2	Mr. Ray White	Present
Place No. 3	Mrs. Sue Helms	Present
Place No. 4	Dr. Terri Johnson	Present
Place No. 5	Mr. Phil Schmidt	Present

Also present were Dr. Dee Fowler, Superintendent, Mr. Woody Sanderson, School Board Attorney and Mrs. LaTisha King, Recording Secretary.

II. PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Robby Parker, principal at Bob Jones High School, introduced students from Bob Jones that received a score of 35 or 36 on their ACT test. These students received a certificate of recognition, on behalf of the school board, for being named Presidential Scholars.

Mrs. Melanie Barkley, principal of Mill Creek Elementary School, introduced Mrs. Amber Merrill, teacher at Mill Creek. Mrs. Merrill received an honorable mention for the 2011 Excellence in Teaching Mathematics Award from the University of Alabama because she submitted such a great Math lesson plan.

Mr. Kevin Gunnison and Mr. Shane Bagwell, representatives with Volkert Construction Services, Inc., presented an update on the construction of the new high school. Mr. Gunnison stated that rain has been a hindrance; but they are back on schedule. Phase one of the construction is almost complete. Mr. Bagwell presented several pictures of the site work completed by the workers at the site.

Mr. Woody Sanderson presented information to the Board and public regarding Senate Bill 310, Students First Act of 2011. He explained the changes in the proposed bill and current tenure law for teachers and support workers.

Mrs. Jeane Welt, Instructional Coach at Bob Jones High School, presented a committee report regarding alternative schedules for students. Mrs. Welt explained that the committee has forty members who have now divided themselves into two groups, which have the assignment to gather information regarding four by four schedules and modified block schedules. The committee's next meeting will be held on April 25, 2011.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments made by members of the public at this meeting.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the following consent agenda item(s): **(a)** Minutes #11-05, March 9, 2011; **(b)** Minutes #11-06, March 21, 2011; **(c)** Discovery Middle School Summer Band Academy June 27, 2011 – July 28, 2011; **(d)** Bob Jones High School Chiller Compressors from Environmental Systems for a total price of \$34,826.12 (The price includes parts and labor. The contract is considered a Public Work, but does not meet the \$50,000 threshold required for a competitive bid as stated in Title 39 in the Code of Alabama. Therefore, quotes were obtained for the project); and **(e)** Heritage Elementary contract with **Cook's Pest Control** for the extermination services of spiders, ants, and roaches around the building. We currently have a contract with Cook's Pest Control; however, it is just for the treatment of termites around the building. This requested service is outside the scope of our current contract and therefore, has to be treated as a separate contract. This contract includes a start-up cost of **\$70.00** and a monthly

cost of **\$35.00** per month for twelve months. The funds to pay for this will be provided by Heritage Elementary School. The Board agreed to approve the recommendations as a group. Mrs. Connie Spears moved to approve the recommendation. Mrs. Sue Helms seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of an agreement by and between Finatra, Inc. and the Madison City Board of Education for the financial consulting services of Mrs. Lisa McMurray. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the Bob Jones High School Wrestling Building bid from Pearce Construction Company, who presented the responsive/responsible bid meeting specifications, with a base bid price of \$305,153.00 and alternates 1 through 5 price of \$41,049.00 for a total contract price of \$346,202.00. Mr. Darryl Bird, architect for the project, explained changes that were made to the building plans. Mrs. Sue Helms moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of the February 2011 Financial and Bank Reconciliation Statements for the Madison City Schools. Mrs. Jana Gray, Accounting Supervisor, explained the financial statements to the Board and public. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. White asked the Board to amend the agenda to consider the appointment of the an Interim Chief School Finance Officer as a separate item on the agenda and to remove the item as a recommendation from the superintendent listed in the personnel section under "Transfers." Mrs. Connie Spears motioned to remove the item listed under the transfer section of the personnel items and to act on the transfer as a separate item on the agenda. Mrs. Sue Helms seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Fowler recommended approval of personnel items. The Board agreed to approve the recommendation as a group. Dr. Terri Johnson moved to approve the personnel action items. Mrs. Connie Spears seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

Mr. White called for a motion to transfer Mrs. Jana Gray from Accounting Supervisor to Interim Chief School Finance Officer for the Madison City School System. Mr. Phil Schmidt moved to approve the recommendation. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.

## VI. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Fowler stated that he attended a RUFF program event at Heritage Elementary School where individuals from various professions discussed their careers and answered questions from students. He also attended a dinner with the Bob Jones High School Indoor Drumline.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Johnson stated that she attended a Science Fair where students from Madison City Schools competed at regional and state levels.

Mrs. Helms attended a Speak Up meeting in Huntsville, Alabama. She also stated a Speak Up meeting will be held in Madison, Alabama.

Mr. Phil Schmidt attended the last Madison City Council meeting. He stated that a proposed increase in Ad Valorem tax was an item discussed at the meeting. He also stated that sales tax has been on a roller coaster.

Mr. Woody Sanderson stated the Madison City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed Ad Valorem tax increase on April 25, 2011.

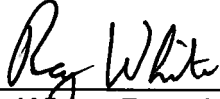
Mrs. Connie Spears stated that Bob Jones High School students will present the play, *Guys and Doll*. She also attended a Test Prep/Challenge Day recap at Liberty Middle School.

Mr. Ray White also discussed the Helping Others Prevail after Emergencies (HOPE) Campaign. The day of hope will be held on April 29, 2011. On this day employees and students will wear a red HOPE bracelet. The donations received from this campaign will be given to the American Red Cross to assist the people of Japan and the Pacific Coast.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

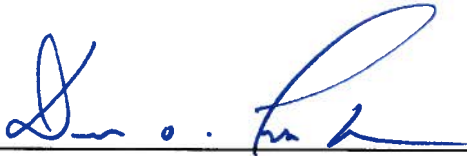
Mr. White announced that the next school board meeting would be held on April 21, 2011, at 5:00 PM at the central office. Mr. White then called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Connie Spears moved that the school board meeting be adjourned. Dr. Terri Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0.




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Ray White, President



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Dee O. Fowler, Secretary



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LaTisha L. King, Recording Secretary